



Minutes of the *Mid-term Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Latin America and Caribbean Section*, held in the City of San José, Costa Rica, on March 30 and 31, 2007

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1. Audience

1.1. Members of the Standing Committee and the Regional Office

Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano (Mexico), Elizabet M. Ramos de Carvalho (LAC- RO), Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Elizabeth Watson (Barbados), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Alice Miranda Arguedas (Costa Rica), Araceli Garcia Martin (Spain), Elsa M. Ramirez Leyva (Mexico), Blanca Hodge (St. Maarten).

1.2. Special Consultant of the Regional Office

Stella Maris Fernández (Argentina).

1.3. Corresponding members

Doris Samanez (Peru), Olinda Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador).

1.4. Specialist members

Cesar Castro Aliaga (Peru).

1.5. Administrative Officer of the ALP Program

Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer of the ALP Program, also attended the meeting.

1.6. Other attendants and guests

Adriana Betancur Betancur (Colombia).

Sueli Angelica do Amaral (Brasil).

Gwynneth Evans, Chair of the Division VII y member of the IFLA Governing Board.

Barbara M. Jones y Loida Garcia-Febo, members of the IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE).

Luzia Soares, Coordinator of the Project ALP 373.

1.7. Members with justified absence

1.7.1. Standing Committee members

Jeane dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil), Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Mercedes Falcon (Ecuador), Marie-Françoise Bernabe (Martinica), Victor Federico Torres (Puerto Rico) Loly Hernandez d'Elia (Venezuela).

1.7.2. Corresponding members

Estela Morales Campos (Mexico), Ivone Talamo (Brazil), Ma. Elena Zapata (Venezuela).

1.8. Members absent without justification

For fourth time, Gonzalo Oyarzun (Chile) did not attend the Standing Committee meeting, therefore, it was agreed to request IFLA his replacement as member of the SC, suggesting to Doris Samanez (Peru).

2. Opening and approval of meeting's agenda

The Chair of the SC, Ma. Isabel Cabral da Franca, offered some gratitude words to members of the Library Science, Information and Documentation School at the National University of Costa Rica, the meeting organizers, particularly to Alice Miranda. Later on, she welcomed the attendants and submitted the agenda for approval, which was subsequently approved.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held in Seoul, Korea

The Chair submitted the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held in Seoul, Korea, on August 2006, for approval. Marcia Rosetto mentioned the omission of her name among the attendants to the Seoul meeting. Araceli Garcia Martin also mentioned a mistake in her name at the mentioned minutes, where she appeared as Araceli Gomez Martin. This remarks were considered to be included in the current minutes. There were not other remarks, so the meeting minutes were approved.

4. Reports

Previous to the presentation of the Chair, the Secretary and the Regional Office Manager reports, Alice Miranda (Costa Rica), gave a report and evaluation about the Seminar on the IFLA/UNESCO Manifestos for School Libraries, Public Libraries, and Internet, held on March 26-28. These showed great achievements and success of the Seminar. The Regional Manager and all the members of the PC thanked her for the support that the Universidad de Costa Rica gave for the Seminar meetings, and also for the lunches, coffe breaks, cocktail parties and the meeting rooms.

Gwynneth Evans, who also participated in the Seminar on the IFLA/UNESCO Manifestos giving a lecture on the School Library Manifesto and a workshop on Reading, offered information about the Work Group for the modification of IFLA sections. This work group work, formed by recomendation of the Governing Board, is formed by the Chairs of Division III, Division VI, Division VII, the Professional Committee. Its main purpose is to evaluate the modification of IFLA sections, taking into account its three pillars, society, profession and membership. A proposal has been prepared in which Sections are considered as the core of IFLA's basic work and therefore, its reduction is difficult. The proposal about modifications of Sections will be presented and discussed by the Professional Committee, and the Governing Board at the next IFLA annual meeting in Durban, South Africa.

Barbara Jones and Loida Garcia-Febo of the IFLA Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE), who previously to the Standing

Committee meeting gave lectures and a workshop on the IFLA-UNESCO Manifestos, expressed their wonder for all the work done in the Region and for the organization of this Seminar. They mentioned the need of continuing the diffusion and understanding of the Manifestos in the Region and proposed to hold three workshops, one at the Northern Region, other one at the Southern Region and other one at the Caribbean. The SC suggested the convenience of holding them together with other actions of IFLA-LAC-ALP, like the next "Amazonian Meeting for the Divulcation and Promotion of the Public Library, School Library and Internet Manifestos and of the Information Society in Action" to be held in Ecuador. Likewise, it was recommended that library associations would participate in this kind of workshops, being an appropriate framework the Third Latin America Seminar for Library Association Presidents. Likewise, they mentioned the possibility that a member of the Section could participate in a workshop in Dubai, on July 25 to 27, 2007, whose purpose will be to discuss and develop materials to support workshops on the Internet Manifesto.

4.1. Chair's Report

Ma. Isabel Cabral da Franca, Chair of the Latin American and the Caribbean Standing Committee, pointed out her annual report for the 2005-2006 period is at the Section website. She mentioned that information about the SC meetings was included, as well as other one in which the Section has participated. Likewise, the situation of projects approved by ALP, besides the Section and SC activities at the 72 IFLA General Conference and Council, held in Seoul, Korea, on August, 2006.

She also mentioned her participation in the Work Group for elaborating the Guidelines on IFLA trademark image, whose main purpose is to normalize the use of IFLA name by other organizations or commercial firms to promote events, to obtain funds, and to elaborate and to give courses, among other activities.

Likewise, she mentioned the IFLA Strategic Plan for the 2006-2009 period has been approved by the Governing Board and it was based on the three pillars: society, profession and members. She invited the SC members to know and to promote it, since it is at the IFLA website.

Likewise, she made allusion to a recently formed Discusión Group "Women, Information and Libraries," sponsored by the Library Associations Management Section, whose main action settings are women as information users and as workers in the Library Science field. She solicited to SC members the promotion of this new group in order to integrate persons and institutions within its actions and activities.

She also commented the IFLA Core Activity on Preservation and Conservation (PAC), will hold on two seminars: the first one, "From the production to the long-term preservation of digital objects" to be held at the National Library of France, on April 25 to 27, 2007; and the second one, "International Conference on Newspapers Collection Management: Printed and Digital Challenges," to be held at the National Library of Chile, on April 3 to 5, 2007.

Finally, the Chair talked about her participation in a review for the ALP Program through a survey. She answered and sent a questionnaire, pointing out the success of all the projects sponsored by ALP in the Region and also mentioning there was not projects without benefit and contribution for the Library Science development in countries of the Region. About this matter, the Regional Office Manager, mentioned she also had answered this questionnaire, pointed out the ALP support for IFLA LAC, which allows the Section to act as a collaborative program to give more visualization to IFLA in the Region.

4.2. Secretary Report

Filiberto Martinez, SC Secretary, informed about the activities carried out during the 2005-2006 period, which were focused to provide the needed support to the SC Chair for the reports elaboration, as well as for the minutes and agendas for the SC meetings. He also mentioned the elaboration of a brochure about IFLA-LAC, in English and Spanish, which was distributed at the 72 IFLA General Conference and Council, held on Seoul, Korea.

4.3. Report of the Regional Office Manager

Elizabeth M. Ramos de Carvalho, Regional Office Manager, gave a brief report about the main actions of the Regional Office, alluding to the administrative issues, news spreading and her participation in events and meetings of the Region in behalf of IFLA. Likewise, she mentioned her participation in the Poster Session at the Seoul Congress and at a Regional Office Managers meeting. She also pointed out her participation in the organization of the Costa Rica Seminar, through communications with the participants. Likewise, she approached the economic support issue for the SC regional meetings, pointing out the need of getting additional funds from the organizations responsible for projects, as well as other ones from diverse institutions.

Additionally, she made mention to IFLA main actions during the 2005-2006 period, which were sent in a brief communication by the Professional Committee Coordinator, Sjoerd Koopman, being among them:

1. Nominations for President-elect, Governing Board and Section Standing Committees members. She mentioned that Adolfo Rodríguez Gallardo, an outstanding member of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section and the Governing Board, had been nominated for President-elect.
2. Some highlights of the Governing Board meetings held in December, 2006:
 - Adoption of the Strategic Plan 2006-2009
 - Guidelines for IFLA trade mark image
 - IFLA-UNESCO Internet Manifesto Guidelines
 - Approval of three new Discussion Groups

E-Learning

Access to Information Network Africa

Women, Information and Libraries

- Plans for a better IFLA Express in Durban
- Adoption of a Code of Professional Ethics
- Creation of IFLA language centers for Arabic and Russian, the Regional Office for Africa and Language Centre for French in Africa
- Approval of the Durban Program
- Next annual conferences: Durban (2007), Quebec (2008), Milan (2009) and a place of Asia/Oceania (2010)
- Replacement of Congrex Holland by Congrex UK/Concorde Services (Glasgow)
- Substitution of Kelly Moore as Membership Manager by Cynthia Mouanda

Finally, the Regional Office Manager mentioned the necessity to diffuse in the Region the Claudia Lux, President-elect, theme, Libraries on the Agenda. Likewise, she mentioned the International Committee of the Blue Shield and the need to promote the formation of National Committees of this in Latin American and Caribbean countries. Regarding to this issue, she mentioned the Brazilian Committee was established on November 2006, being constituted by Brazilian libraries, museums and archives. The Coordination of this Committee is in charge of Celia Zaher, member of the IFLA-LAC Standing Committee and the Regional Office Manager is a member of it. She ended her report asking all the SC members to make further efforts to increase IFLA member affiliation, at the least one member for country.

5. Strategic Plan

Regarding to this point, Maria Isabel Cabral mentioned the Section website has ben placed the Strategic Plan for the period 2006-2007. She also invited SC members to access and analyze it. Likewise, to propose ideas for elaborating the 2008 Strategic Plan. Additionally, she pointed out the importance of including in it strategies and actions developed together with FAIFE.

6. Section Activities for WLIC 2007 “Libraries for the future: Progress, Development & Partnerships”

6.1. Grants for travel and register

It was informed that there will be grants to attend this event, although in this occasion they will only be for librarians from Africa. However, Gunilla Natvig informed about the possibility of three grants for speakers from the Región.

6.2. Open Forum of the Section at the Durban Conference

The program for the Section Open Forum at the Conference in Durban was put under consideration to SC members, being its theme “Digital Libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean” There will be included as speakers: Lourdes Feria, who will talk about the Digital Library of Latin America, Felipe Martinez, who will approach Social Aspects of Digital Libraries, Simone Bastos, who will lecture on Legislative Digital Libraries. There will be other speaker from Central America, who will talk about Digital Libraries in that Region.

6.3. SC Meetings in Durban

It was announced the SC meetings at the Durban Conference will be held on August 18 and 24; however, confirmation and schedule are not available yet. As soon as that information will be obtained, it will be send to SC members.

6.4. Posters Session

It was informed that ALP will not present poster in this occasion. Moreover, that the Regional Office will participate with a poster for IFLA-LAC.

6.5. Open Forum of Divisison VIII

The President announced she received a communication from the División VIII about the participation of Mr. Edgardo Civalliero (Argentina), as representative of the Region with the paper “Grassroot development for recovering indigenous languages through oral tradition.” Likewise, she informed that Mr. Edgardo Civalliero will participe in other Sections’ programs with papers approaching similar themes. Taking into account this fact and the convenience of including in the Division VIII Program a paper about the projects sponsored by ALP in the Region, it was agreed to substitute Mr Civalliero paper for other one approaching the mentioned subject. It was proposed to invite Cesar Castro as lecturer for his involvement with the ALP Projects in the Region an his participation in the IFLA-LAC activities.

6.6. Session of the Discussion Group on Library and Information Science in Developing Countries.

SC members were invited to participate in the session of this work group, in which Adolfo Rodríguez and Alice Miranda are IFLA-LAC representatives. Marcia Rosetto and Regina Beluzzo from Brasil will participe with a paper. It was suggested that Alice Miranda (Costa Rica) would participate with other paper about the International Curriculum to be adopted in Central América, which was a recommendation from the Seminar held previously to the Standing Committee meeting.

6.7. Caucus

In order to promote the participation of members from the different Sections in the Caucus, it was suggested their sessions would take place in different hours than the Section Committes sessions. Therefore, SC members were invited to participate in them.

7. Projects

Gunilla Natvig, Administrative Officer of the ALP Program, mentioned that according to the recommendations emanated from the Workshop on the Logic Framework Analysis (LFA), a new format for submission of projects to ALP and guidelines for final reports have been elaborated, which will have to be observed by the project responsables. She also provided the ALP Annual Reporte Anual and informed that SIDA ecomic support will only be until 2010.

7.1. Approved projects by ALP

- Project 363 “*Network of Quechuan rural libraries: an information access service*” (Peru)
Comment: Due to changes in the institution responsible for the project, Librarians College of Peru, its development has been delayed. However, it has been retaken and hopefully it will be done in 2007 reaching the goals that were stated.
- Project 371 “*Seminar of Librarians Associations in Latin America and the Caribbe*” (Argentina)
Comment: It was celebrated on April 2006 and the final report was delivered in this meeting. It was recommended that it will be modified according to the new guidelines for final reports submission.
- Project 373 “*Common base of citizens knowledge (BCCC)— for training youth*” (Brazil).
Comment: A wide exposition about the development of this project was presented by its Coordinators, Luzia Soares and Elizabet Carvalho, which showed a series of considerable improvements in the information gathering, processing and availability, with the participation of youth. The project continues developing successfully.
- Project 377 “*International Conference on Reading in Latin America and the Caribbean*” (Mexico).
Comment: The tool for obtaining data has been translated to Spanish and sent to various Latin American countries. Its application in Brazil, which will be coordinated by FEBAB, is delayed. Blanca Hodge was proposed to coordinate its application in the Caribbean countries. Hopefully, there will be results on October of the current year and the meeting will take place on March 2008.
- Project 379 “*Internships in public libraries services for Latin American librarians*” (Colombia).
Comment: It will be held on October and November of the current year, together with the Public Library International Congress. It was recommended to include the subject of the IFLA-UNESCO Public Library, School Library and Internet Manifestos.
- Project 381 “*International Meeting of Library Science Schools*” (Peru).

Comment: The meeting was held on November, 2006, and ALP is waiting for the final report.

- Project 382 “*Amazon Regional Conference for the Dissemination and promotion of the Manifestos on school and public library, and on the Internet and the Information Society in action*” (Ecuador).

Comment: It is under development and it was recommended to request the work program. It will be held on October of the current year.

- Project 383 “*Workshop on elaboration of illustrated books in indigenous languages*” (Venezuela).

Comment: Due to the political situation in Venezuela, the project responsible decided to change its place. Arrangements have been made to carry out it in Colombia next year.

- Project 384 “*Central America Seminar on Unesco/IFLA manifestos and guidelines for public libraries, school libraries and Internet*” (Costa Rica).

Comment: The objectives for this project were attained. Additionally, eight workshops were offered to librarians and students from Costa Rica. Likewise, it was gathered valuable information on how Internet is used in school, public and academic libraries. The final report will be prepared according to the new ALP guidelines.

- Project 385 “*International Meeting on Library Services for Indigenous People of Latin America*” (Brazil).

Comment: It is under development and it is looking for support from the Latin America Memorial to carry out this meeting on March 2008.

7.2. New projects for consideration

The following new projects' proposals were submitted to the SC for consideration:

- *Publication of the book “Activity Report of the El Salvador Librarians Association”* (El Salvador).

Comment: It was not approved. It was recommended its publications in electronic formats such as CDs, since they are more economic options and easier to update.

- “*Book house agent in the Cajamarca Community*” (Peru).

Comment: It was approved but it was recommended to emphasize this project will be addressed to members of multicultural and indigenous communities.

- “*Book house in Central America countries*” (Honduras).

Comment: Its approval was recommended for being a successful project that could be spread into the Central America Region.

- “*Artistic activities for children in libraries*” (Brazil)

Comment: It was not approved since it was considered in the development of artistic skills there are diverse factors and not only libraries.

- *“Apprenticeships for SIDCA staff”* (Panama).
Comments: It was not approved for considering there are other funding options more appropriate to this kind of projects.
- *“Philosophical foundations for the library services role in the Central America Region”* (Panama)
Comment: The project does not state clearly if it pretends that Library Science schools define a librarian profile, or either, if it is about a librarian training program. Alice Miranda was assigned to carry out the project analysis, and in case of no duplication with other Region projects, recommend its viability.
- *Material development and workshop “Candidates to election positions sensitiveness about relationship between public library and democracy”* (Colombia).
Comments: The project approval was recommended, since it is important to get library visibility in the political agenda, which is in the IFLA priorities.

It will be recommended to the responsables of approved projects to adjust them to the new ALP format and guidelines and its delivery as soon as possible.

8. Other issues:

8.1. Members situation and nomination

It was informed that for the 2005-2009 period the following SC members will continue: Ana Maria Peruchena Zimmermann (Argentina), Simone Bastos Vieira (Brazil), Maria Isabel Cabral da Franca (Brazil), Marcia Rosetto (Brazil), Jeane Dos Reis Passos (Brazil), Mercedes Falconi (Ecuador), Araceli Garcia Martin (Spain), Filiberto Felipe Martinez-Arellano (Mexico), Elsa M. Ramirez Leyva (Mexico). Likewise, for the 2007-2011 period were nominated: Regina Celia Baptista Belluzzo (Brazil), Angela Maria Monteiro Bettencourt (Brazil), Ludmila Popov Mayrink da Costa (Brazil),he Celia Ribeiro Zaher (Brazil), Olinda Estela Gomez Moran (El Salvador), Joan Vacianna (Jamaica), Emile Noemí Sena Correa (Paraguay), Victor Federico Torres Ortiz (Puerto Rico), Jennifer Joseph (Trinidad and Tobago), Victor Aguirre Negro (Uruguay). It was also confirmed to ask IFLA the substitution of Gonzalo Oyarzun (Chile) by Doris Samanez (Peru). Moreover, Adriana Betancur (Colombia) and Octavio Castillo (Panama) were proposed as corresponding members. The nomination of Adolfo Rodriguez as President-elect candidate was also mentioned and SC members emdorsed they will promote and support this candidature among voter associations and institutions of their respective countries.

8.2. Information of interest

Araceli Garcia Martin informed about an interview she had with representatives of the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (International Cooperation Spanish Agency) to ask support for a Course on Information Units Management, which could take

place in the Region of Central America, probably in the AECI headquarters in Antigua, Guatemala. She will keep the SC informed about the answer to this request.

She also stated the possibility of giving more visibility and presence to the IFLA-LAC section, through the development of a Latin American Electronic Resources Guide, which could be included in the Section webpage. There would be included full text of electronic resources about diverse subjects for Latin America and the Caribbean. Regarding to her proposal, it was mentioned that due to the extent of areas and disciplines that would be incorporated, it would be a very large project, so as a first stage it was recommended to include only Library Science electronic resources. Also, due to the space limitations in the Section web page, only a link can be included; therefore, the access point to this resources would be INFOBILA. Felipe Martinez was assigned to develop, along with Araceli Garcia, a proposal concerning this issue.

Finally, Araceli Garcia pointed out the Universidad Internacional de Andalucia is organizing the course *Recursos y Servicios para la Información y el Conocimiento para la Investigación y la Innovación (Resources and Services for the Information and Knowledge for Research and Innovation)*. Likewise, that professors from Latin American institutions were being invited to develop a course on Information Resources and Services in Iberoamerica, inviting everyone interested in participate contacting the course organizers.

Elizabet de Carvalho mentioned Doris Samanez had obtained the third place in the “5th. IFLA International Award for Marketing (2007),” which is supported by IFLA Management and Marketing Section conjontly with SirsiDynix. Doris Samanez submitted the projec "Reading at the Market," developed at the Miraflores Municipality in Lima, Perú. In this contest participated 24 librarians from 12 countries: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Peru, Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore, United Kingdom and U. S. A.

Marcia Rosetto mentioned the XXII Congresso Brasileiro de Biblioteconomia, Documentacao e Ciencia da Informação (XXII Brazilian Congress on Library Science, Documentation and Information Science), sponsored by FEBAB and the Library Association of the Federal District, Brazil), will be held on July 8 to 11, 2007). Claudia Lux, IFLA President-elect, will participate in it. She also presented to the attendants the Portugese translations for the guidelines that the IFLA Library Associations Management Section has made.

Finally, Felipe Martinez Arellano mentioned the opening of a videoconference room at the Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecologicas de la Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, (University Center for Library Science Research Center of the National Autonomous University of Mexico), inviting the attendants to look for actions and events among Library Science associations and schools of the Region, that would be developed together in a remote way through this technology alternative.

8.3. Next Regional Meeting

As place for the next regional meeting, Sao Paulo, Brazil, was proposed, celebrating conjontly the SC meeting and the “International meeting on library services for indigenious people of Latin America.” Regarding to this point, Marcia Rosetto will make the arrangements with the Latin America Memorial, for the support to this event. In case the SC meeting could not take place in Sao Paulo, Mexico City was proposed as an alternative place, holding it within the “International Meeting on Reading in Latin American and the Caribbean Region”.

8.4. 2008 IFLA Conference in Quebec

It was mentioned the 74 IFLA General Conference will be held on August 10 to 15, in Quebec, Canada, being the theme "Libraries without barriers: sailing toward the global understanding". SC Chair, invited the SC members to identify and suggest topics for the Section Open Forum, which will be discussed and defined at the next SC meeting in Durban.